BEFORE THE DIVISION OF MEDICAL QUALITY

BOARD OF MEDICAL QUALITY ASSURANCE

DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Petition for Termination of Probation of:)))	NO.	L-41665
GERALD MARTIN PRICE)		
Petitioner.)		
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DECISION

This matter came on regularly for hearing before a Panel of District 11 Medical Quality Review Committee, at West Los Angeles, California on December 3, 1987. Richard J. Lopez, Administrative Law Judge of the Office of Administrative Hearings presiding.

Panel Members present were:

Tim Botello, M.D.
David C. Chambers, M.D.
David Geffner, M.D.
Elizabeth A. Jagla, RN
Michael Kwon, DDS
Ernest G. Strauss, M.D., Chairman
Bernice Watkins, (PM)

Earl Plowman, Deputy Attorney General, represented the Attorney General. Petitioner appeared in person, and represented himself. Documentary and oral evidence and evidence by way of official notice and stipulation was introduced, the matter argued and submitted, and the members of the Panel proceeded to consider the matter. The Administrative Law Judge was present during the Panel's consideration of the case. The Panel finds, determines, and orders as follows:

FINDINGS OF FACT

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In 1968 petitioner was first licensed, by the State of California as a physician and surgeon.

By Board Decision pursuant to Stipulation D-2035, effective March 12, 1979 petitioner's certificate
No. G 15260 was revoked with said revocation stayed and petitioner placed on probation to the Board for a period of ten years on certain terms and conditions. Petitioner's then mental illness and impairment (Manic Depressive Psycosis, now bi-polar disorder) was the cause for said discipline.

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In or about September 1987 petitioner filed a petition for termination of subject probation.

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- (A) Petitioner has been and is in full compliance with all terms and conditions of probation.
- (B) Petitioner has been under continuous psychiatric care and suspervision and has developed a life long commitment to the use of lithium to avoid recurrence of any acute episodes.
- (C) Petitioner has a solo practice in Simi Valley. His patients include a small number with bi-polar disorder.
- (D) Petitioner has had no recurrence of any acute episodes since the time of said discipline a period of approximately a decade.
- (E) Petitioner has established a structured and stable family life and professional life.

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Petitioner's conduct set forth in Finding 4 combined with reasonable inferences from the whole of the evidence establishes good cause to terminate the probation of petitioner.

DETERMINATION OF ISSUES

Petitioner has established that he is rehabilitated and it would not be adverse to the public interest to terminate his probation.

ORDER

The petition of Gerald Martin Price, M.D. for termination of probation is hereby granted. Accordingly, petitioner's certificate is hereby restored.

This Decision shall become effective December 30, 1987.

It is so Ordered December 30, 1987.

PANEL OF DISTRICT 11
MEDICAL QUALITY REVIEW COMMITTEE
BOARD OF MEDICAL QUALITY ASSURANCE
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ERNEST G. STRAUSS, M.D.

Chairman

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